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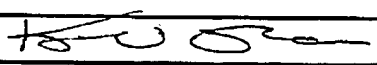
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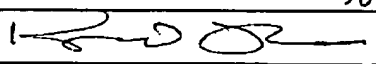
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Election/Restrictions Action dated 01/14/2005, applicant elects group I, claims 1-15, with traverse.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.

Appl. No. 10/604,388  
Amendment dated March 14, 2005  
Reply to Office Action of January 14, 2005

**Remarks/Arguments:**

Claims 1-15 are elected for examination, with traverse.

The Office Action of 01/14/2005 presented a restriction requirement between group I consisting of claims 1-15 and group II consisting of claim 16-28. The basis for the restriction requirement is that the two groups have separate status in the art, as shown by separate classification. The group I invention is alleged to be separately useable in a variety of industrial designs.

Traverse is premised upon the lack of significant burden between examining the elected group or both groups. The first group relates to an energy dissipative element, while the second group relates to a host module in which the energy dissipative element protects a hosted device. The provisional election will result in examination of claims 1-15 on the device, itself. Due to this election, there appears to be little burden on the Patent Office to search for and consider an energy dissipative element both by itself and as part of a combination in a host module. Such a scope of search would seem to be necessary in order to examine the group I claims.

If the energy dissipative element of claims 1-15 is patentable, then it would follow that the combination of this energy dissipative element in a host module would be patentable. Thus, applicant submits that no significant burden would result from examination of all claims within the scope of one application.

On this basis, applicant requests reconsideration of the election/restriction requirement.

Respectfully submitted,



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